

Honorable Kymberly K. Evanson

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

STEVEN FLOYD, et al., individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

V.

AMAZON.COM INC. and APPLE INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-01599 KKE

**DECLARATION OF BRIAN G.
LIEGEL IN SUPPORT OF APPLE
INC.'S RESPONSE TO HAGENS
BERMAN SOBOL SHAPIRO LLP'S
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS
COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF STEVEN
FLOYD**

1 I, Brian G. Liegel, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Florida, and am appearing in this Court
 3 *pro hac vice*. I am counsel at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, and counsel of record
 4 for Defendant Apple Inc. (“Apple”) in this case. I submit this declaration in support of Apple Inc.’s
 5 Response to Plaintiffs’ counsel’s Motion to Withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff Steven Floyd (the
 6 “Response”).

7 2. On February 13, 2024, Plaintiffs’ counsel stated that they “intend to seek leave to file a
 8 Second Amended Complaint,” and “also advise Defendants that while Mr. Floyd has not withdrawn
 9 as a class representative, he has become difficult to reach.” A true and correct copy of that email
 10 chain, spanning February 13, 2024 to February 23, 2024, and involving Plaintiffs’ counsel (Ben
 11 Harrington, Steve Berman, Ben Siegel, and Meredith Simons), counsel for Apple (Mark A. Perry,
 12 Eric Hochstadt, Brian Liegel, Morgan MacBride, Geneva Hardesty, Katie Black, and Mark Parris),
 13 and counsel for Amazon (Benjamin Mundel, Jon Dugan, Chad Hummel, and Anna Tutundjian) is
 14 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

15 3. On February 23, 2024, Plaintiffs’ counsel stated that Mr. Floyd “has not informed us of any
 16 intention to withdraw as a class representative.” Plaintiffs’ counsel further stated that “[w]e last
 17 communicated with Mr. Floyd on January 16, 2024 (and, again, it was not a withdrawal).” Ex. A
 18 at 1.

19 4. On May 7, 2024, counsel for Plaintiff was quoted in an article by *Law360* as saying that
 20 class counsel is “pleased the court followed three other western district judges allowing substitution
 21 of a class representative when the existing class representative no longer wishes to serve.” Attached
 22 hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the article, *New iPad Buyers And Complaint OK’d*
 23 *In Amazon-Apple Suit*, by Bryan Koenig. Bryan Koenig, *New iPad Buyers And Complaint OK’d*
 24 *In Amazon-Apple Suit*, Law360 (May 7, 2024, 9:11 PM EDT),
 25 [https://www.law360.com/articles/1834216/new-ipad-buyers-and-complaint-ok-d-in-amazon-](https://www.law360.com/articles/1834216/new-ipad-buyers-and-complaint-ok-d-in-amazon-apple-suit)
 26 apple-suit.

27 5. On May 31, 2024, counsel for Apple asked Plaintiffs’ counsel “[O]n what basis of authority
 28 have you made filings to the Court on [Mr. Floyd’s] behalf since contact was broken on January

1 16, 2024?" and "If you have not made contact with Mr. Floyd since January 16, on what basis has
 2 your position changed with regards to whether Mr. Floyd has an intent to withdraw from this
 3 matter?" Plaintiffs' counsel responded that they "can confirm that Mr. Floyd has not responded to
 4 our outreach since January 16, 2024, as we have advised defendants repeatedly (including on our
 5 last videoconference on May 10). We have had no change in position." A true and correct copy
 6 of that email chain, spanning May 28, 2024 to May 31, 2024, and involving Plaintiffs' counsel
 7 (Ben Harrington, Steve Berman, Ben Siegel, and Meredith Simons), counsel for Apple (Mark A.
 8 Perry, Eric Hochstadt, Brian Liegel, Geneva Hardesty, and Mark Parris), and counsel for Amazon
 9 (Benjamin Mundel, Jon Dugan, and John Goldmark) is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

10 6. On August 16, 2024, counsel for Apple reached out to Plaintiffs' counsel asking them to
 11 "[p]lease confirm that you will be alerting Mr. Floyd to the Court's Order compelling him to
 12 produce responsive documents, respond fully to interrogatories, and appear for a deposition." A
 13 true and correct copy of that email chain, spanning August 16, 2024 to August 29, 2024, and
 14 involving Plaintiffs' counsel (Ben Harrington, Barbara Mahoney, Steve Berman, Ben Siegel, and
 15 Meredith Simons), counsel for Apple (Mark A. Perry, Eric Hochstadt, Brian Liegel, Morgan
 16 MacBride, Geneva Hardesty, Daniel Baquet, Katie Black, Kathryn Buggs, and Mark Parris), and
 17 counsel for Amazon (Benjamin Mundel, Jonathan Nuechterlein, Jon Dugan, Jeremy Rozansky,
 18 MaryAnn Almeida, and John Goldmark) is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

19 7. On August 20, 2024, Plaintiffs' counsel stated: "We sent Mr. Floyd the order last Friday
 20 but have not regained contact with him. We're continuing those efforts, and if we do regain contact,
 21 we will let you know. We have not withdrawn as his counsel." Ex. D at 9–10.

22 8. On August 21, 2024, Plaintiffs' counsel stated: "Mr. Floyd reached out to us today and
 23 we're working with him to address the Court's order." Plaintiffs' counsel further stated: "As for
 24 deposition logistics, we're still discussing times with Mr. Floyd, but I believe your proposal for an
 25 in-person deposition in the Williamsport area should work. Do you have a particular facility in
 26 mind. Also, Mr. Floyd advised us that Tuesdays or Thursdays are best for a deposition, provided
 27 we end by 5pm (he has childcare responsibilities after that). The Tuesday or Thursdays you
 28 proposed are September 19 and 24. Are there any other Tuesdays or Thursdays in September that

1 work for you?" Ex. D at 8.

2 9. On August 26, 2024 at 5:31 PM ET, Plaintiffs' counsel stated: "Since speaking with Mr.
 3 Floyd last Wednesday, we have not been able to reach him, despite numerous attempts." Plaintiffs'
 4 counsel further stated: "In the meantime, please let us know by **2pm PT tomorrow** whether
 5 defendants will stipulate to extend Mr. Floyd's deadline to produce documents and interrogatory
 6 responses from August 30 to September 13 (the substantial completion deadline). Given that Mr.
 7 Floyd made contact with us last week, we believe there is a possibility he will reengage and provide
 8 discovery. A two-week extension will facilitate these efforts, which should be in all parties'
 9 interests." Ex. D at 6–7 (emphasis in original).

10. On August 27, 2024 at 9:47 AM ET, counsel for Apple responded: "Defendants do not
 11 oppose Plaintiffs seeking to extend the deadline for Mr. Floyd to produce documents and provide
 12 interrogatory responses to September 13. We do not believe an extension of the September 30
 13 deadline is warranted at this time. As we have made clear throughout this process, it is Plaintiffs'
 14 counsel's obligation to ensure that their client, Mr. Floyd, complies with Court orders, including if
 15 that requires in person communications. We expect Mr. Floyd to timely comply with his
 16 obligations, as does the Court. If he is unable to fully and completely respond to the written
 17 discovery requests by September 13, or sit for deposition by September 30, we will ask the Court
 18 to order you and the Hagens Berman team to provide a detailed account of every attempt to contact
 19 him since you first learned of his supposed unavailability." Ex. D at 5–6.

20. 11. Plaintiffs' counsel's declaration in support of the motion to withdraw (Dkt. 141) states that:
 21 "Mr. Floyd reached out to Class Counsel on August 27. Although Class Counsel cannot disclose
 22 the content of Mr. Floyd's communications, it became apparent in these discussions that Mr. Floyd
 23 was increasingly unwilling to participate in the case or provide discovery. The last messages Class
 24 Counsel received from Mr. Floyd, sent by email and text on August 28, indicate a refusal to adhere
 25 to Class Counsel's advice regarding compliance with the Order and a breakdown in the attorney-
 26 client relationship." Dkt. 141 ¶ 6. The fact that these communications took place was not
 27 communicated to Defendants' counsel until the filing of Plaintiffs' counsel's motion to withdraw
 28 and supporting declaration on September 13. See Dkts. 141, 142.

1 12. On August 28, 2024 at 3:05 PM ET, Plaintiffs' counsel stated: "Pursuant to the below, we
 2 have drafted a joint stipulation and proposed order to submit to the Court. Please let us know if
 3 this looks good to file." That August 28, 2024 email from Plaintiffs' counsel attached a "draft[]
 4 joint stipulation and proposed order" in Word document form, entitled, "2024-08-27 – Floyd
 5 DRAFT Stip Extending Time for Floyd to Respond to Discovery (2752278.1).docx." List item 3
 6 of the draft states: "Following entry of the Court's Order, Mr. Floyd made contact with Plaintiffs'
 7 counsel, and Plaintiffs' counsel is attempting to coordinate with Mr. Floyd to comply with the
 8 Court's order." A true and correct copy of that email chain and word document attachment is
 9 attached hereto as Exhibit E.

10 13. On August 28, 2024 at 1:16 PM PT (4:16 PM ET), counsel for Apple stated in reply to
 11 Plaintiffs' counsel's August 28 3:05 PM ET email: "We don't have knowledge of the exact course
 12 of communication in #3. Can you either (1) confirm that is correct that Mr. Floyd reached out to
 13 you after the Court's order or (2) consider more generic language such as 'Plaintiffs' counsel and
 14 Mr. Floyd have coordinated....?'" Plaintiffs' counsel responded that same day: "I believe we let
 15 you know that Mr. Floyd reached out to us after the Court's order (see Ben Harrington's email
 16 below on 8/21 at 6 pm PT / 9 pm EST). So, we are fine keeping the language as is, if you'd like.
 17 Or we'd also be fine with more generic language for paragraph 3, cutting out that clause in the
 18 paragraph, leaving it as is: 3. Following entry of the Court's Order, Plaintiffs' counsel is attempting
 19 to coordinate with Mr. Floyd to comply with the Court's order." Ex. D at 4–5.

20 14. On September 13, 2024, Plaintiffs' counsel stated: "Defendants are not permitted to contact
 21 Mr. Floyd directly unless and until our motion to withdraw as his counsel is granted." A true and
 22 correct copy of that email chain from September 13 and involving Plaintiffs' counsel (Ben
 23 Harrington, Ted Wojcik, Steve Berman, Ben Siegel, and Meredith Simons), counsel for Apple
 24 (Mark A. Perry, Eric Hochstadt, Brian Liegel, Morgan MacBride, Geneva Hardesty, and Mark
 25 Parris), and counsel for Amazon (Benjamin Mundel, Jon Dugan, and John Goldmark) is attached
 26 hereto as Exhibit F.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this
2 30th day of September, 2024 in Miami, Florida.
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EXHIBIT A

Black, Katie

From: Ben Harrington <benh@hbsslaw.com>
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Cc: Steve Berman; Ben Siegel; Meredith Simons; Hummel, Chad S.; Tutundjian, Anna
Subject: RE: Floyd - Second Amended Complaint

Brian: We will file the motion next week. We do not believe 30-days for defendants' response is necessary or appropriate given the circumstances. This is a third-Friday motion, meaning by default all briefing is to be completed within three weeks or less, and these are not complicated issues. Leave to amend is granted liberally and there is no sound basis to oppose amendment here. As a courtesy, we could agree to propose to the Court that defendants have an additional week for their opposition, with a commensurate extension for our reply, but cannot agree to extend the schedule further.

As for Mr. Floyd, he has not informed us of any intention to withdraw as a class representative. But as we explained, we have been unable to connect with him recently and are working diligently to regain contact to determine how Mr. Floyd wishes to proceed. We last communicated with Mr. Floyd on January 16, 2024 (and, again, it was not a withdrawal). We provide this information for purposes of transparency, but defendants are not entitled to further probe our communications with clients. Our motion to amend will include all details the court needs to determine whether amendment is appropriate, including as to the timeline of our communications.

Regarding your request for a deposition, we do not believe defendants can insist on deposing Mr. Floyd in advance of any hearing on our motion to amend. We will provide dates for any deposition once we hear from Mr. Floyd. And as for documents, Defendants do not have grounds to demand that Mr. Floyd produce materials in advance of the substantial completion deadline, particularly when defendants have not produced a single document and discovery parameters remain to be negotiated.

Thanks,

Ben

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Subject: RE: Floyd - Second Amended Complaint

Ben –

I am writing on behalf of both Defendants. Defendants will oppose your motion to amend. We would like to set a briefing schedule and request 30 days to file our opposition. Please let us know when you intend to file the motion, and how long you'd like to file a reply.

Given your representations that Mr. Floyd "has become difficult to reach" and that there are questions over whether Mr. Floyd will continue to serve as the only class representative in this case, we are concerned that Mr. Floyd has not been participating in this litigation and, as such, there is no plaintiff currently pursuing this action against Defendants. We have the following questions:

1. Prior to February 13, 2024, the date you sent the request to amend, when is the last time Mr. Floyd responded to either an email or call from you?
2. Have you been in contact with Mr. Floyd since then? If so, when?
3. When did you first contact Ms. Furdek?
4. When did you first contact Mr. Ryan?
5. Please provide date(s) that Mr. Floyd is available for deposition. We would like to take his deposition prior to a hearing on the motion to amend. Additionally, please confirm that you will produce responsive documents at least 7 days prior to his deposition.

Defendants reserve all rights and remedies.

Best,

Brian

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Subject: RE: Floyd - Second Amended Complaint

Ben,

Defendants need time to confer with their clients and determine our position on this motion. We will get back to you on Tuesday of next week.

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Cc: Steve Berman <Steve@hbsslaw.com>; Ben Siegel <bens@hbsslaw.com>; Meredith Simons <merediths@hbsslaw.com>
Subject: Floyd - Second Amended Complaint

Counsel—We intend to seek leave to file a Second Amended Complaint and ask that Defendants confirm by this Friday (2/16) whether they consent to the amendment. The Second Amended Complaint will include additional class representatives, omit Plaintiffs' per se allegations (which were dismissed), but not otherwise alter the claims asserted in the First Amended Complaint. A draft of the Second Amended Complaint is attached here (along with a redline).

To avoid any disruption to the case schedule, we are prepared to treat all of Defendants' existing discovery requests as having been propounded on Plaintiffs added to the Second Amended Complaint, and the new Plaintiffs will adopt the responses and objections Mr. Floyd has already provided. The new Plaintiffs also will be prepared to meet the existing substantial completion deadline for document productions and otherwise adhere to the existing case schedule.

For purposes of transparency, we also advise Defendants that while Mr. Floyd has not withdrawn as a class representative, he has become difficult to reach. We are working diligently to determine whether Mr. Floyd wishes to continue to serve as a class representative, and that he is fully capable of doing so. If for any reason Mr. Floyd needs to withdraw, we will promptly advise Defendants and take appropriate steps. In the meantime, we can continue discussing search protocols and parameters for any documents Mr. Floyd will produce, with the understanding that those same parameters would (absent unique circumstances) also apply to the additional class representatives identified in the Second Amended Complaint.

Best,

Ben

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New iPad Buyers And Complaint OK'd In Amazon-Apple Suit

By **Bryan Koenig**

Law360 (May 7, 2024, 9:11 PM EDT) -- Two new iPad buyers filed an amended antitrust complaint Tuesday over the Amazon-Apple pact restricting iPhone and iPad sales to approved vendors after a Washington federal judge overrode defense arguments that the named plaintiff swap is too late and replaces an unsuitable class representative.

In permitting the amended complaint, which adds named buyers Jolene Furdek and Jonathan Ryan to the antitrust suit initially filed by Steven Floyd — who went dark on his Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP counsel earlier this year — U.S. District Judge Kymberly K. Evanson said Monday that Amazon and Apple are trying to "prematurely" challenge the adequacy of class representation before class certification is on the table.

"But whether Floyd is an adequate representative of the putative class is not before the court at this point in the litigation, and defendants will have an opportunity to fully litigate this issue in the context of a motion for class certification," Judge Evanson said. "Defendants have not shown that Floyd's potential inadequacy as a class representative is an inherent defect in his party status akin to a lack of standing or mootness, such that there is no live case or controversy before the court."

Since there is no "inherent defect" in Floyd's claims, Judge Evanson said she would allow them to file an amended complaint that drops previously rejected claims and adds Furdek and Ryan's names alongside Floyd.

Amazon and Apple had argued amendment shouldn't be permitted because a check of Floyd's email address showed he purchased contested products outside Amazon.com, ostensibly making the consumer unqualified to represent the class. Hagens Berman responded by saying such a rejection **would be "unprecedented."**

Steve W. Berman of Hagens Berman, who represents the consumers, welcomed the ruling Tuesday, saying in a statement that class counsel is "pleased the court followed three other western district judges allowing substitution of a class representative when the existing class representative no longer wishes to serve."

Amazon declined comment Tuesday.

Under the pact targeted by the suit, Amazon allegedly only permits Apple-approved third-party vendors to sell iPhones and iPads in the online marketplace, which allows Amazon to receive a steady supply of discounted Apple products to sell. Floyd filed the proposed class action in November 2022, claiming he purchased an iPad on Amazon in 2021 at an inflated price because the companies' 2018 deal eliminated many Apple product resellers from the e-commerce platform.

The two companies **have claimed** in court filings that their "Global Tenets Agreement" is meant to protect consumers from falling prey to counterfeit electronics sellers and not stifle competition.

After Floyd stopped responding to his attorneys at Hagens Berman, the firm asked the court in a Feb. 29 motion for approval to add two more class representatives who wished to bring the same Sherman Act claims based on the same set of facts.

Amazon and Apple **pushed back** against the request in a March 21 brief, underscoring concerns that

the companies had already raised about the suit's narrow definition of the affected market: smartphone and tablet sales in online marketplaces.

Based on Floyd's email address alone, the tech giants said, Apple's records allegedly show he has bought over a dozen smartphones from AT&T, Verizon and other carriers — all reasonable "economic substitutes" to the market defined in the suit — including a new iPhone 14 Pro Max registered through T-Mobile last May, thus undermining the antitrust allegations as a whole.

In rejecting those arguments Monday as premature, Judge Evanson said Hagens Berman "easily" meets the standard for good cause to amend the complaint.

"Class counsel diligently moved to substitute the new representatives after Floyd unexpectedly stopped communicating with them. Counsel last communicated with Floyd on January 16, 2024 ... and moved to amend the complaint on February 29, 2024," she said. "That span of time reflects diligence."

The judge also rejected assertions that Hagens Berman "was not diligent in selecting Floyd as a named plaintiff in the first place," holding that accepting those arguments would amount to premature consideration of his adequacy as a class representative.

Judge Evanson additionally refused to entertain arguments that Hagens Berman should have vetted Floyd's adequacy sooner or that the amendment creates the need for a prejudicial amount of new discovery.

"Defendants also argue that the amendments are intended to 'circumvent a potentially fatal statute of limitations issue' and that defendants 'would be prejudiced by having to defend against an untimely putative class action.' ... Defendants state that they did not raise this issue in their motions to dismiss because resolving it requires deposing Floyd," Judge Evanson said. "But this issue is not squarely before the court, and has not been briefed, given that Floyd has not yet been deposed. The court again declines to wade into substantive issues prematurely."

The consumers are represented by Steve W. Berman, Barbara A. Mahoney, Ben M. Harrington and Benjamin J. Siegel of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP.

Amazon is represented by John Goldmark and MaryAnn Almeida of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and Jonathan E. Nuechterlein and Benjamin M. Mundel of Sidley Austin LLP.

Apple is represented by Mark S. Parris of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and Brian G. Liegel, Eric S. Hochstadt and Mark A. Perry of Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP.

The case is Steven Floyd v. Amazon.com Inc. et al., number 2:22-cv-01599, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

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EXHIBIT C

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Cc: Ben Siegel; Meredith Simons; Steve Berman
Subject: RE: Floyd - Cross-Motions Briefing Schedule

Ben,

We have asked for basic information about Floyd, which is particularly necessary given the inconsistent representations we have noted below. Your e-mail fails to provide any response to these requests, but does confirm that Plaintiffs' counsel have filed several substantive documents (and intend to file more) without Mr. Floyd's consent. We reserve all rights with respect to these issues.

Regarding your procedural request, we can agree to the Proposed Cross-Motion schedule and page limit you have below.

Best,

Brian

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Subject: RE: Floyd - Cross-Motions Briefing Schedule

Brian—We asked for defendants' position on our proposed briefing schedule for the cross-motions, first on May 28 and again today. Your email below does not address that simple request. We will cross-move to withdraw Mr. Floyd on June 7, and believe our proposed briefing schedule is reasonable and in accord with the Court's stated preferences for cross-motions. If Apple has a different proposal, we invite you to share it.

As for the merits of our cross-motion, we strongly disagree with Apple's position and reasoning, including in your email below. But there is no need to pre-argue the motion just to determine what the briefing schedule should be. We can confirm that Mr. Floyd has not responded to our outreach since January 16, 2024, as we have advised defendants repeatedly (including on our last videoconference on May 10). We have had no change in position. Our view, stated throughout this process, has been that Mr. Floyd should be given an opportunity to reengage if he can do so in time to meet his discovery obligations. We stated this on the first page of our motion to amend. And we told you again on May 10 that if Mr. Floyd did not regain contact soon, he would need to be withdrawn from the case. Unfortunately, Mr. Floyd has not regained contact, and with discovery progressing and a case schedule reinstated, this is an appropriate juncture to withdraw him.

This should be an uncontroversial request, but since defendants are going to oppose it, we need a briefing schedule. Absent word otherwise, we will presume that defendants' preference is that the cross-motion be briefed under the default rules.

Best,

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Subject: RE: Floyd - Cross-Motions Briefing Schedule

Ben,

We received your email indicating, for the first time, that Mr. Floyd may file a motion to withdraw as a named plaintiff in this action. In evaluating your proposal to cross-move in response to Apple's motion to compel Mr. Floyd to comply with outstanding discovery, Apple has concerns about the circumstances that have led to this latest proposed motion following the motion to amend, as well as Mr. Floyd's participation in the lawsuit more generally. Accordingly, Apple requests some basic, non-privileged information.

Since February of this year, Hagens Berman has made a number of statements to Apple and to the Court regarding the status of Mr. Floyd's participation in this litigation and his availability. Apple would like to better understand the apparent inconsistencies in these statements as it evaluates your proposal.

On February 13, 2024 you wrote to "advise Defendants that while Mr. Floyd has not withdrawn as a class representative, he has become difficult to reach." In a filing dated February 29, 2024 (Dkt. 80), you notified the Court of the difficulty in reaching Mr. Floyd since January 16, 2024. You noted in that filing that you were "working diligently to determine whether Mr. Floyd wishes to continue to serve as a class representative, and that he is fully capable of doing so."

In parallel, you assured Defendants that you would let us know when Mr. Floyd re-engaged, and indicated to Defendants your expectation that Mr. Floyd would indeed reengage. On February 23, 2024, in an email from Mr. Harrington, you noted that you would "provide dates for any deposition once we hear from Mr. Floyd." On May 10, 2024, after

Defendants issued a deposition notice for Mr. Floyd, Mr. Harrington stated in an email that he would “let [us] know” when Mr. Floyd “reengages.” You have provided no such notice of contact with Mr. Floyd, leading us to believe that you have not heard from or engaged with him since January 16th.

Moreover, in the past several months, you repeatedly stated in advance of the Court’s ruling on the motion to amend that you could not interpret Mr. Floyd’s silence as a wish to withdraw as named plaintiff and class representative.

1. “Mr. Floyd has never affirmatively withdrawn as a class representative and, given his prior engagement on the case, class counsel is reluctant to interpret his silence as evincing an intent to withdraw.” Dkt. 80, at 8, filed February 29, 2024.
2. “As for Mr. Floyd, he has not informed us of any intention to withdraw as a class representative. . . We last communicated with Mr. Floyd on January 16, 2024 (and, again, it was not a withdrawal).” See Email from Ben Harrington dated February 23, 2024.
3. “Here, the proposed amendments merely add additional class representatives without removing Mr. Floyd, who has not affirmatively withdrawn.” Dkt. 80, at 10, filed February 29, 2024.

Yet immediately following the Court’s decision on the motion to amend on May 7, 2024, Mr. Berman was quoted in a news article published May 7, 2024 as stating that he was “pleased the court followed three other western district judges allowing substitution of a class representative where the existing class representative no longer wishes to serve.” Mr. Berman’s statement implies that either (1) Hagens Berman made contact with Mr. Floyd on or before May 7 or (2) Hagens Berman has reversed its position as to the meaning and proper effect of Mr. Floyd’s lack of communication.

Furthermore, in a filing made to the Court on May 20, 2024, Hagens Berman stated that “Counsel have advised Mr. Floyd that if they do not hear from him by May 21, 2024, they will seek to withdraw him as a class representative, either by stipulation or motion.” Dkt. 108 at 5. This again stands in stark contrast to your previous “reluctance” to interpret Mr. Floyd’s silence as intent to withdraw.

Similarly, given all of the above, can you please confirm whether you had any contact or response from Mr. Floyd between the time that you filed the Motion to Amend (Dkt. 80) on February 29, 2024 and the time that you filed the Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. 99) on May 7, 2024? If not, on what basis of authority have you made filings to the Court on his behalf since contact was broken on January 16, 2024?

If you have not made contact with Mr. Floyd since January 16, on what basis has your position changed with regards to whether Mr. Floyd has an intent to withdraw from this matter?

As you know, Mr. Floyd was the sole named plaintiff and putative class representative in this case for nearly two years. By insisting on further amending his complaint rather than dismissing and refiling this case, Mr. Floyd and Hagens Berman have kept Mr. Floyd at issue in this case. As such, we look forward to your prompt response to the questions raised herewith.

Best,

Brian

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Cc: Ben Siegel <bens@hbsslaw.com>; Meredith Simons <merediths@hbsslaw.com>
Subject: RE: Floyd - Cross-Motions Briefing Schedule

We have not heard from defendants on the proposal below. Can you please let us know defendants' position?

Thanks,

Ben

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From: Ben Harrington
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Subject: Floyd - Cross-Motions Briefing Schedule

Counsel: In response to Apple's motion to compel, we intend to file both an opposition and a cross-motion to withdraw Floyd as a class representative. Judge Evanson's Chambers Procedures encourage parties to agree to a four-brief schedule for cross-motions (motion, opposition/cross-motion, opposition/reply, reply) to avoid unnecessary duplication. We think this makes sense and propose the below briefing schedule for our cross-motions. Although the arguments are going to overlap, the proposal below builds in some additional time (and pages) for all parties in case needed. Please let us know if this is acceptable to defendants and we will prepare a stipulation.

Proposed Cross-Motion Schedule:

June 7: Plaintiffs' Opposition to Apple's Motion to Compel and Motion to Withdraw Floyd (6,000 words)

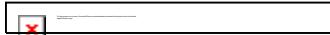
June 21: Defendants' Opposition to Motion to Withdraw and Apple's Reply on Motion to Compel (6,000 words)

July 1: Plaintiffs Reply on Motion to Withdraw (3,000 words).

Thanks,

Ben

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Subject: Re: Floyd // Order on Motion to Compel (Dkt. 132)

Ben,

Defendants are signed off.

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On Aug 29, 2024, at 3:43 PM, Ben Siegel <bens@hbsslaw.com> wrote:

Thank you Brian. We agree to revert to the prior language and have attached the stipulation doing so and accepting all your prior redlines. We understand Defendants' position and reserve all rights to address that position if that becomes necessary. Let us know if we have Defendants' sign-off for filing.

Best, Ben

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Meredith,

Defendants cannot agree to the changes you have made. As we have made clear, it is Plaintiffs' counsel's obligation to ensure that their client, Mr. Floyd complies with Court orders. Please revert to the prior language in Paragraph 5 and send us a copy for our review.

Best,

Brian

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On Aug 29, 2024, at 3:09 PM, Meredith Simons <merediths@hbsslaw.com> wrote:

It appears that the track changes were removed from the stipulation attached to my last email. Resending the stip so the changes appear in track. Let me know if they don't show up for you.

Thanks,
Meredith

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Brian,

Defendants' edits look good to us. We have made a couple of additional changes (in track) in one paragraph. If these look good to you, we will get this on file. Please let us know.

Best,
Meredith

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Thanks for the confirmation. Attached are a few edits from Defendants. If this is good to you, you have permission from both Amazon and Apple to file.

Best,

Brian

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I believe we let you know that Mr. Floyd reached out to us after the Court's order (see Ben Harrington's email below on 8/21 at 6 pm PT / 9 pm EST). So, we are fine keeping the language as is, if you'd like. Or we'd also be fine with more generic language for paragraph 3, cutting out that clause in the paragraph, leaving it as: 3. Following entry of the Court's Order, Plaintiffs' counsel is attempting to coordinate with Mr. Floyd to comply with the Court's order.

I have attached the stipulation with the more generic language. Let us know what works, and revert when you can.

Thanks, Ben

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Thanks, Ben.

We don't have knowledge of the exact course of communication in #3. Can you either (1) confirm that it is correct that Mr. Floyd reached out to you after the Court's order or (2) consider more generic language such as "Plaintiffs' counsel and Mr. Floyd have coordinated....".

Let us know on this one, and we will revert as quickly as we can.

Best,

Brian

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Brian and Defense Counsel: Pursuant to the below, we have drafted a joint stipulation and proposed order to submit to the Court. Please let us know if this looks ok to file. Best, Ben

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Ben,

Defendants do not oppose Plaintiffs seeking to extend the deadline for Mr. Floyd to produce documents and provide interrogatory responses to September 13. We do not believe an extension of the September 30 deadline is warranted at this time. As we have made clear throughout this process, it is Plaintiffs' counsel's obligation to ensure that their client, Mr. Floyd, complies with Court orders, including if that requires in person communications. We expect Mr. Floyd to timely comply with his obligations, as does the Court. If he is unable to fully and completely respond to the written discovery requests by September 13, or sit for deposition by September 30, we will ask the Court to order you and the Hagens Berman team to provide a detailed account of every attempt to contact him since you first learned of his supposed unavailability.

Additionally, please confirm whether September 19 or 24 will work for the deposition so we can serve an amended notice.

Best,

Brian

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Counsel—Since speaking with Mr. Floyd last Wednesday, we have not been able to reach him, despite numerous attempts. We are continuing our efforts to contact Mr. Floyd so we can gather the discovery the Court has compelled.

In the meantime, please let us know by **2pm PT tomorrow** whether defendants will stipulate to extend Mr. Floyd's deadline to produce documents and interrogatory responses from August 30 to September 13 (the substantial completion deadline). Given that Mr. Floyd made contact with us last week, we believe there is a possibility he will reengage and provide discovery. A two-week extension will facilitate these efforts, which should be in all parties' interests. If Defendants believe a September 13 production deadline would fall too close to the September 30 deadline to depose Mr. Floyd, we would of course be amenable to extending that deadline two weeks as well.

If Defendants are unwilling to stipulate to an extension, we intend to file a motion tomorrow requesting one.

Thanks,

Ben

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Ben,

I can confirm that those are the two Tuesdays or Thursdays in September that work for us. We don't have a particular facility in mind. We can lock that down, but if you have a suggestion we would of course consider it.

Best,

Brian

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Morgan—Mr. Floyd reached out to us today and we're working with him to address the Court's order. We'll be in contact if there are any issues that need to be discussed in advance of the first August 30 compliance deadline. As for deposition logistics, we're still discussing times with Mr. Floyd, but I believe your proposal for an in-person deposition in the Williamsport area should work. Do you have a particular facility in mind? Also, Mr. Floyd advised us that Tuesdays or Thursdays are best for a deposition, provided we end by 5pm (he has childcare responsibilities after that). The Tuesday or Thursdays you proposed are September 19 and 24. Are there any other Tuesdays or Thursdays in September that work for you?

I believe Mr. Floyd regaining contact moots the questions in your 8.20 letter, but to clarify, we emailed Mr. Floyd the Order last Friday, mailed it Monday, and initiated service Tuesday.

Best,

Ben

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All:

Please find attached a letter regarding Mr. Floyd's discovery.

Best,

Morgan

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Subject: RE: Floyd // Order on Motion to Compel (Dkt. 132)

Brian—We sent Mr. Floyd the order last Friday but have not regained contact with him. We’re continuing those efforts, and if we do regain contact, we will let you know. We have not withdrawn as his counsel.

Best,

Ben

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Best,

Brian

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Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 3:05 PM
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maryannalmeida@dwt.com
Subject: RE: Floyd // Order on Motion to Compel (Dkt. 132)
Attachments: 2024-08-27 - Floyd - DRAFT Stip Extending Time for Floyd to Respond to Discovery(2752278.1).docx

Brian and Defense Counsel: Pursuant to the below, we have drafted a joint stipulation and proposed order to submit to the Court. Please let us know if this looks ok to file. Best, Ben

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From: Liegel, Brian <Brian.Liegel@weil.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 9:47 AM
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Ben,

Defendants do not oppose Plaintiffs seeking to extend the deadline for Mr. Floyd to produce documents and provide interrogatory responses to September 13. We do not believe an extension of the September 30 deadline is warranted at this time. As we have made clear throughout this process, it is Plaintiffs' counsel's obligation to ensure that their client, Mr. Floyd, complies with Court orders, including if that requires in person communications. We expect Mr. Floyd to timely comply with his obligations, as does the Court. If he is unable to fully and completely respond to the written discovery requests by September 13, or sit for deposition by September 30, we will ask the Court to order you and the Hagens Berman team to provide a detailed account of every attempt to contact him since you first learned of his supposed unavailability.

Additionally, please confirm whether September 19 or 24 will work for the deposition so we can serve an amended notice.

Best,

Brian

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Counsel—Since speaking with Mr. Floyd last Wednesday, we have not been able to reach him, despite numerous attempts. We are continuing our efforts to contact Mr. Floyd so we can gather the discovery the Court has compelled.

In the meantime, please let us know by **2pm PT tomorrow** whether defendants will stipulate to extend Mr. Floyd's deadline to produce documents and interrogatory responses from August 30 to September 13 (the substantial completion deadline). Given that Mr. Floyd made contact with us last week, we believe there is a possibility he will reengage and provide discovery. A two-week extension will facilitate these efforts, which should be in all parties' interests. If Defendants believe a September 13 production deadline would fall too close to the September 30 deadline to depose Mr. Floyd, we would of course be amenable to extending that deadline two weeks as well.

If Defendants are unwilling to stipulate to an extension, we intend to file a motion tomorrow requesting one.

Thanks,

Ben

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Ben,

I can confirm that those are the two Tuesdays or Thursdays in September that work for us. We don't have a particular facility in mind. We can lock that down, but if you have a suggestion we would of course consider it.

Best,

Brian



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Morgan—Mr. Floyd reached out to us today and we're working with him to address the Court's order. We'll be in contact if there are any issues that need to be discussed in advance of the first August 30 compliance deadline. As for deposition logistics, we're still discussing times with Mr. Floyd, but I believe your proposal for an in-person deposition in the Williamsport area should work. Do you have a particular facility in mind? Also, Mr. Floyd advised us that Tuesdays or Thursdays are best for a deposition, provided we end by 5pm (he has childcare responsibilities after that). The Tuesday or Thursdays you proposed are September 19 and 24. Are there any other Tuesdays or Thursdays in September that work for you?

I believe Mr. Floyd regaining contact moots the questions in your 8.20 letter, but to clarify, we emailed Mr. Floyd the Order last Friday, mailed it Monday, and initiated service Tuesday.

Best,

Ben

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All:

Please find attached a letter regarding Mr. Floyd's discovery.

Best,

Morgan

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The Honorable Kymberly K. Evanson

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

STEVEN FLOYD, JOLENE FURDEK, and
JONATHAN RYAN, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

V.

AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware corporation, and APPLE INC., a California corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-01599-KKE

**STIPULATED MOTION AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER REGARDING
PLAINTIFF STEVEN FLOYD'S
DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS
FOR PRODUCTION**

**NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
August [REDACTED], 2024**

STIPULATION

Pursuant to Local Civil Rules 7(d)(1) and 10(g), Plaintiffs Steven Floyd, Jolene Furdek, and Jonathan Ryan (“Plaintiffs”), and Defendants Amazon.com, Inc. and Apple Inc. (together, “Defendants”), hereby stipulate and agree through counsel to the following.

1. On May 17, 2024, Apple filed a motion to compel discovery from Plaintiff Steven Floyd. Dkt.104.

2. On Friday, August 16, 2024, the Court granted Apple’s motion and ordered Mr. Floyd to respond to interrogatories and requests for production by August 30, 2024. Dkt. No. 132.

3. Following entry of the Court's Order, Mr. Floyd made contact with Plaintiffs' counsel, and Plaintiffs' counsel is attempting to coordinate with Mr. Floyd to comply with the Court's order.

4. Subject to the Court's approval, the parties have agreed to a two-week extension to give Mr. Floyd additional time to respond to interrogatories and requests for production.

5. This extension will make Mr. Floyd's responses to interrogatories and requests for production due on September 13, 2024, the same day as the deadline for the substantial completion of production of documents and data in this case.

6. The extension will not affect the Court's deadline of September 30, 2024, for Mr. Floyd's deposition.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

1 DATED: _____, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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3 HAGENS BERMAN SOBOL SHAPIRO
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ORDER

Based on the foregoing, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: _____

The Honorable Kymberly K. Evanson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on _____, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was
3 filed electronically by CM/ECF, which caused notice to be sent to all counsel of record.

4 _____
5 */s/ Steve W. Berman*
6 Steve W. Berman

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EXHIBIT F

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Subject: RE: Floyd v. Amazon - Motion to withdraw sealing

Ben –

We do not understand why you are refusing to provide the basic information we have asked for to facilitate obtaining the discovery that the Court has ordered your client to provide. Plaintiffs' actions continue to improperly delay and frustrate our ability to obtain the information that Defendants are entitled to receive, including the responses that are due today and the deposition which has been noticed for September 24. Nevertheless, we do not oppose your request to seal this information.

Please note that if Plaintiffs refuse to provide this information, along with the detailed account of every attempt to contact Mr. Floyd since you first learned of his supposed unavailability (as requested in my August 27 e-mail), we will ask the Court to compel you to provide it.

Defendants reserve all rights.

Best,

Brian

Weil

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Subject: RE: Floyd v. Amazon - Motion to withdraw sealing

Brian—We do not understand your concerns about the timing of the motion, nor do we think it is appropriate for Defendants to condition their agreement on sealing to a set of demands that have nothing to do with whether the information at issue warrants sealing. As for those demands, Defendants are not permitted to contact Mr. Floyd directly unless and until our motion to withdraw as his counsel is granted. Accordingly, even if it were appropriate to couple these demands to a simple sealing request, we cannot agree to them. We will note Defendants' position in a motion to seal, and if you wish to elaborate in an opposition, you may.

Regards,

Ben

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Ben,

We find the timing of your e-mail and proposed motion below concerning as it comes on the day Mr. Floyd's Court-ordered responses are due, after you moved for an extension on his behalf. Defendants reserve all rights, including with respect to your proposed motion to withdraw and to obtain the Court-ordered discovery from Mr. Floyd.

Please confirm that:

1. you will provide us with Mr. Floyd's contact information, including address, e-mail, and telephone number by COB today;
2. you will advise us the manner in which Mr. Floyd and you last communicated (telephone, e-mail, in person, etc.) and the date of such communication by COB today;
3. you will advise us the last date you claim to have had an attorney client relationship with Mr. Floyd by COB today; and
4. Defendants are now authorized to contact Mr. Floyd directly.

Subject to the above, Defendants do not oppose your sealing motion.

Best,

Brian

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Counsel—We anticipate filing today a motion to withdraw as Mr. Floyd’s counsel. Local Rule 83.2(b)(1) requires that we include in the motion Mr. Floyd’s address and telephone number. Because Mr. Floyd has not authorized us to file this personal identifying information on the public docket, we intend to redact it and file an unredacted version under seal. Please let us know by 3 pm PT today whether Defendants consent to sealing this information. We are not moving to seal anything else in the filing.

Thanks,

Ben

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